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US Ser. No. 10/713,837 Reply to Office Action of 4/10/2006

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 13, 18, and 30-44 are pending in the application. This paper supplements the remarks and amendments filed July 10, 2006.

This pending application is a reissue continuation of 09/776,394, which is a reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 5,865,846. When this continuation reissue application was filed, Applicants filed its claims as original application claims, and did not include the patented claims of the patent to be reissued (namely, U.S. Patent No. 5,865,846). Accordingly, as of July 10, 2006 (the date of Applicant's most recent amendment), claims 1-36 were pending, but these did not include the claims of, or the numbering of, the original patented claims from U.S. Patent No. 5,865,846.

In a telephone discussion with Examiner A. Stewart on July 17, 2006, we were instructed to correct the formatting for this reissue application by submitting this Supplemental Amendment. This paper adds issued, patented claims 1-9 from parent Patent No. 5,865,846 as original claims 1-9, and renumbers the continuation reissue application claims as 10-44. Accordingly, the original continuation reissue claims 1-36 have been renumbered as claims 10-44 (previously cancelled claim 32 is not included in the renumbered claims).

Accordingly, the status of the claims is:

- Claims 1-9, 13, 18, 30-44 are pending (of which claims 1-9 are from issued Patent No. 5,865,846 and claims 13, 18, 30-40, and 41-44 are renumbered from 4, 9, 21-31, and 33-36);
- Claims 10-12, 14-17, and 19-29 are cancelled (formerly 1-3, 5-8, and 10-20. Former claim 32 is also cancelled); and
- c. Claims 13, 18, and 44 are allowed (formerly claims 4, 9, and 36).

The claims in this Supplemental Amendment include the amendments submitted in the Amendment filed July 10, 2006. US Ser. No. 10/713,837 Attorney Docket No. 31132.189 / PC 904.08
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Response to Office Action regarding Non-Compliant Amendment

In response to the Office Action dated March 6, 2007, this paper identifies claims 37-44 as new claims, corrects the dependencies, and removes cancelled claim 41 from the claim listing. Accordingly, prior claims 42-45 are renumbered as new claims 41-44.

Conclusion

For the reasons identified in Applicants' paper filed July 10, 2006, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in a condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 972-739-6969 if assistance or clarification is necessary. Deposit account number 08-1394 can be used for any over payments, under payments or any required fees including any required claim fees and required extension fees.

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